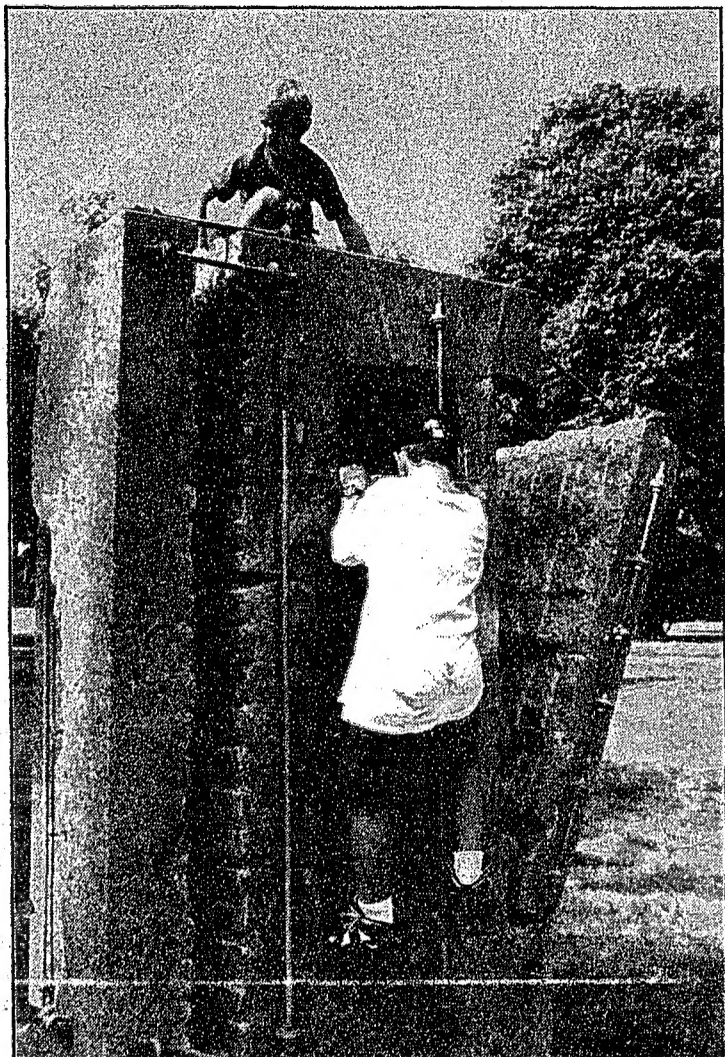


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Justin Kraft, 7, top, and Jory Kraft, 9, bottom, explore a sculpture in Elmwood Park. The boys are sons of UNO sophomore Stephanie Kraft.

High-Tech Classrooms Ready UNO For Future

By Christine M. Vargas

With the latest technological advances in computers, the future of higher education will be a world of computers and interactive components, and for some UNO classrooms, the future is already here.

UNO has 12 high-tech classrooms on campus. Equally dispersed, these classrooms have proven to be valuable tools in education, said Tom Ryan, director of Audio Visual at UNO.

"The experiences I've had with faculty who use the rooms have been very positive," Ryan said. "Students also like the rooms, and they really like using them for presentations."

These "modern" classrooms have either Macintosh or IBM computers, which have access to the Internet, UNO's file server, C-WIS, the World Wide Web, data video projectors, VHS video cassette recorders, laser-disc players and Elmo Presenters.

All the machines are connected to one another so a person can easily switch from using the computer to using the laser-disc player or the VCR.

The data video projectors are mounted to the ceilings and they project a color image onto a large screen in the classroom. The image projected is viewed via the computer screen or any other component, Ryan said.

The Elmo Presenter is designed to take a three-dimensional object, such as an egg or camera, and project it onto the screen in the

classroom. The presenter works similar to an overhead projector, only it is capable of projecting three-dimensional objects and not just transparencies.

High-tech classrooms have been on UNO's campus for three years, and the idea came from a combination of factors, Ryan said.

Ryan and the audio-visual department thought the time had come for UNO to have computer components in classrooms.

"The first four rooms were built on a trial basis," Ryan said. "We just wanted to see how they would work out. It was such a big hit that we right away got a grant to build more high-tech classrooms, and it has grown ever since."

There are no plans to add any more high-tech rooms to UNO, but other plans are in the works.

"We are looking into building 'authoring stations,'" Ryan said.

These are rooms where faculty can learn to use the equipment. "Beforehand, the professors were coming in on weekends or nights to learn to use the equipment because it was being used in the day," he said. "With the stations, faculty can learn to use the components without hassle."

The Kiewit Foundation is funding the build-

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Weber Rejects Proposal for Professional Women's Center

Plan cited as too costly and duplicates services

By Beth Warner

Joyce Crockett, chairwoman of the chancellor's commission on the status of women, said she is "cautiously optimistic" about the commission's proposal for a Women's Center at UNO.

Chancellor Del Weber turned down the proposal in a Sept. 6 memorandum to the commission. Weber cited cost and duplication of current programs as the primary reasons.

Weber attended CCSW's first meeting of the year, held last Wednesday, Crockett said.

Nothing had been "set" at the meeting, but Crockett said the administration "kind of opened the door" on the proposal.

Weber said in a phone interview Sunday that his position on the proposal had not changed since his Sept. 6 memorandum.

The proposed Women's Center would be different from the Women's Resource Center, Crockett said, because it would be staffed by a trained social worker who could handle serious problems such as violence against women and date rape. She also said the center could act in crisis intervention and then refer women to other sources for help.

The proposed Women's Center would be available to faculty and staff. She said WRC is primarily for students.

Crockett said it was important to have a staff person who could be there full time and who would be knowledgeable of resources and contacts. Crockett said that the campus has a need for continuity, and that WRC has a history of not being as well organized as it has been recently.

The written proposal by CCSW stated that the university would have "no financial obligations" for the first three years. The proposal stated, "CCSW's strategy is to raise funds by writing grants and, with the approval of the chancellor, draw upon UNO's alumni who have a strong interest in women's issues. After three years it is anticipated that the university would begin to add financial support to the outside funding."

The goals of the proposed Women's Center as stated in the proposal are, "To provide a place for those concerned with women's issues, service, research, advocacy and those seeking special guidance and help."

The budget for the center is projected at

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\$200,000 over three years, or \$66,000 a year.

The director of WRC said the proposed Women's Center would almost be a replication of WRC.

Staffed mainly by student volunteers, WRC has an annual budget of \$16,000, Director Susan Koneck said.

Koneck said Friday that she fully supports Weber's position on the proposed Women's Center.

"The chancellor acted responsibly in rejecting that proposal," Koneck said. "WRC already meets many of the goals stated in the proposal for a women's center," she said.

Koneck said she does not support the proposed Women's Center because the proposal was written before determining a need for the center.

Koneck also said she objected to its cost. Although the proposed center would be privately funded for the first three years, Koneck said she worried about funding sources after that time. She also said she worried that operational costs would be \$100,000 a year at the time the university became involved with funding it.

"There are only two sources of revenue," Koneck said, "tax dollars and student pockets. It's unethical to even suggest spending \$100,000 plus on faculty and personnel needs."

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS



'Welfare Changes Will Help and Encourage'

It's always easier to complain, point a finger, and make threats than it is to attempt to find a solution.

One word in the English language has the power to raise eyebrows, get the complaints rolling, lay the blame, and initiate the flow of bureaucratic threats. That word is "welfare."

Simply, when many people think of welfare, they think of lazy recipients, "leeching off the system," driving BMWs and Cadillacs, and dodging employment. However, some legislators are trying to change all that.

According to a survey recently released by the Democratic Party, a much needed face-lift is in store for the nation's welfare system.

Instead of issuing benefits to Americans who qualify, welfare recipients must prove that they are, essentially, earning their benefits. Assistance will be given in providing

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child care, in addition to the assistance with living expenses. However, the most noticeable

change in this proposed welfare plan is that recipients must work.

If the recipient is unable to find work, this doesn't mean that he or she is "off the hook" and can spend their days eating bonbons. Instead, he or she will be required to perform volunteer work to compensate for their benefits.

The most valuable asset of this plan is the fact that it encourages welfare recipients who, in the past, would get locked into the system to work. Instead of recipients finding themselves in the dilemma of not being able to afford to go off of welfare and get jobs, recipients are being kept in the workforce, therefore giving them a better chance at finding a permanent job and getting off welfare sooner.

Instead of pointing fingers and threatening to cut off benefits, thousands of Americans and their families are being helped, rather than hurt.

In the past, the welfare system has become more of a crutch for some Americans. When contemplating the cost of child care and subtracting it from potential earnings, some Americans found themselves coming up way too short financially. As a result, instead of encouraging people to find work, it has become both easier and more profitable to live on welfare benefits than to join the workforce. Unfortunately, what this means is that the endless cycle begins and continues to plague generations of Americans.

Simply, this current system and its repercussions are both nonproductive and are suffocating the future of American families. However, with the proposed changes, Americans will be encouraged to work and, rather than providing a dangerous crutch that in essence is nothing more than a double-edged sword, American families will get the help needed to get their lives in order and begin a life without government assistance.

This new proposal is what a real contract with America is; rather than a contract on America.

The Gateway is looking for someone to write an editorial column for the Tuesday issue. Must be able to pick a topic and develop a sound argument. This is not a forum for prose or poetry. If you can do the job, apply in person at the Gateway.

Letters Prove Campus Still Cares

Sometimes it is nice to be proven wrong.

Last week I decided to run the story "Peterson Voices Concerns About Gay Campus Pastor." Student President/Regent Justin Peterson stated in his report to the Student Senate that Phil Owen, campus pastor at UNO, should resign because Owen is a homosexual.

I ran the story simply as a news item. A "government official" made a newsworthy statement at a public meeting. True, what he said was very interesting, but the story was not meant to appear on the side of either Peterson or Owen. Peterson is entitled to his opinion as Owen is entitled to his. And this editorial is not about how I feel about the issue.

This editorial is about the fact that I figured most UNO faculty, staff and students would read the story, think some thoughts to themselves such as "There goes that Peterson again," or "Atta Boy Peterson," and go about their day. In no way did I expect the sheer volume of responses I have received. As of Sunday, I have received a total of eight letters

and E-mail responses about the story.

I want to tell you, the readers, that I take letters and other responses very seriously. Sometimes they can be a good measure of how readers feel about a paper. What those letters and E-mail messages told me is that people do read the *Gateway*, and that makes me proud.

I realize that the *Gateway* is a student newspaper. I wouldn't have a job to do if you were not there to read the paper. This paper is not just about what we want to write; it's also about what you want to read. We want to know if you think something or someone on campus deserves attention. We want to know if we write a story about something you agree or disagree with. We want to know if we do something, as a newspaper, that you like or don't like. Contrary to popular belief, we will listen and we do care.

Finally, I make this proposal to Peterson: Most of the letters I have received have not been in your favor. If you have something to say about those letters, and you probably do, write a letter to the editor and stand up for what you believe in.

Veronica Burgher
Staff Editorial

Editor's Notes

— As some of you may have noticed, Randy Kasal's Tuesday "conservative" column has been missing from the *Gateway*. As much as I enjoyed having his ideas to balance my editorial pages, Randy is serving as a Student Senator, and the "Guidelines for the Student Press," set up by the NU system, prohibits *Gateway* staff members from serving concurrently on the Student Senate. Randy knows he is welcome to return when and if he is no longer serving in Student Government.

— I would like to congratulate Kate Kalamaja, *Gateway* News Editor, for getting her first on-air experience at KMTV, Channel 3, where she works as a news intern. Her coverage of the River City Roundup parade, held downtown on Saturday, was featured as the top story on Saturday's evening news. Way to go, Kate!

— I would also like to thank Joe Huebner, UNO Controller, and Margie Schwartzkopf, manager of Student Accounts, for taking the time and initiative to talk to me about my recent editorial "Tuition Policies Unfair to Honest, Paying Students." Instead of just blowing me off as another whining, excuse-ridden student, they actually took concern with the way I was treated and appear to be looking for solutions to several problems I raised.

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'Peterson's Remarks Will Encourage Student Voting'

Dear Editor,

It is good to see a member of the student council working aggressively against student voter apathy for the Student Government elections. I refer, of course, to last Tuesday's *Gateway* article and President/Regent Justin Peterson's very bigoted comments about the campus minister, Rev. Owens.

I've never voted in the Student Government elections the last two years that I've been going to UNO; that will change with the next election. Mr. Peterson's comments have degraded both himself and the university he claims to represent. Hate has no place on this campus.

To Mr. Peterson, I say this: resign. You are not truly representing the students on this campus. You should also apologize publicly to Rev. Owen. You have shown yourself to be unworthy for the position you hold. You should also start doing some investigative studying on your own, as there have been many links found recently between brain formation and sexuality. I don't know what your major is, but perhaps you should put into practice what this university was founded for and start broadening your mind.

Joe Dubé
UNO Student

'Not All of UNO Feels the Way Peterson Does'

Dear Editor,

I am highly concerned and even ashamed of the voice our Student President/Regent Justin Peterson takes on the sexual orientation of the campus pastor Rev. Owen.

For starters, I believe that this is a step toward understanding and improving communication among the students and all parts of the administration — yes, a positive step. We ought to be proud that a member of this campus feels that he shouldn't have to hide or deny who he is, so to avoid complications.

Secondly, does the sexual preference of the pastor interfere with his job? Is he trying to convert any students or faculty? And if he stated that he didn't like sex period, would this also be a scandal?

Lastly, this is a formal apology to everyone who was offended by the student president's comments and to mention that not all of the university student body feels this way, even though Mr. Peterson's position implies so.

One other comment, Rev. Owen said that the campus was a mess due to construction. WELL IT IS, BIG DEAL! It will be well worth it to enjoy our open-minded, non-judgmental campus in a more comfortable atmosphere.

Sincerely and slightly perturbed!

Jeanne Echtenkamp

make it part of his report to the Student Senate is totally inappropriate. Peterson has his own agenda and it is not for the good of the students here at UNO. He is ill-informed about homosexuality and other issues not on the agenda of the "religious right" of which he is a part of.

I have talked with Pastor Owen and find him to be a totally concerned, warm individual who will be able to minister to the spiritual needs of students on this campus who come to him. In fact, if you have a problem with his sexuality— don't go to him. It's not as if students are standing in line to talk to the campus pastor anyway. Pastor Owen's sexuality is not a matter for discussion and should not be. I would like to know just exactly how many times Justin has gone to Pastor Owen for "spiritual guidance" and, if he has not, he really has no right to judge. My Christianity is all-encompassing and not the narrow right-wing view of Mr. Peterson and his cohorts. Let's change the climate of homophobia and prejudice on this campus in October by finding out who is running for President/Regent with the blessings of Peterson and then voting for the other person. We have not had an open-minded President/Regent for years — let's change that. Of course, we also need to remember that the post of President/Regent is nothing more than a title with little or no real power. In fact, when trying to remember one little thing that has been accomplished during the tenure of the last two President/Regents, I come up with a blank. They have done the usual posturing, dormitories and more parking — blah, blah, blah. So, let's concern ourselves with issues we can do something about and leave the private lives of individuals alone, lest someone dig into all our private lives and find out some of us are not as we pretend to be.

I also happen to know that when Mr. Peterson was running for President/Regent he approached a very prominent graduate student, who has since graduated, and asked her to be his campaign manager (an opportunity she declined) — that student is a homosexual and did not hide her sexuality from anyone on campus while she was here. What is this, Mr. Peterson, homosexuals are not capable of ministering to spiritual needs, but you can sure use them in ways that benefit your personal agenda?

Nancy Hess
UNO Staff Member

'Appalling Article Borders on Discrimination'

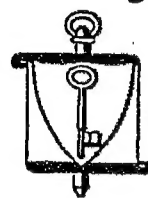
Dear Editor,

I was appalled to see the offensive front-page article in the *Gateway* detailing Justin Peterson's homophobic concerns. Would it be news if the Rev. Owen were a person of color, a woman or disabled? Did you have any idea that UNO has adopted a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation?

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'Peterson Has No Right To Judge Campus Pastor'

Dear Editor,

I have just read, with dismay, your article on Student President/Regent Peterson's concern with Pastor Phil Owen's sexuality. Anyone's sexuality is not the concern of the President/Regent. If he has had student concerns about the subject he should relate to those students the fact that he is not in the position to judge (even though he thinks he is). Pastor Owen is certainly able to attend to the spiritual needs of the people on this campus. I find Peterson's brand of Christianity to be absurdly narrow. He is certainly welcome to believe whatever he wants, but to

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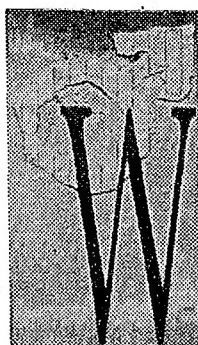


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When a guy goes on a date, is he thinking, "Gee, this is so romantic!" I think not.

The woman, on the other hand, isn't going to be happy if you take her to see the Huskers on a Saturday afternoon. The Huskers are OK—heck, they're almost as fun as watching corn grow, but a date should

be a little more stimulating than this.

Stimulation or not, most guys don't want to get too gushy, and a woman doesn't want a date to be too ordinary. This doesn't mean you should take her to Burger King for dinner then off to the Westroads to see the movie "Nine Months." There should be a happy medium between the two of these so both you and your date have a fun-filled evening. Heck, you might even "get some."

A perfect date consists of two things: a fantastic dinner and a little fun afterward (get your mind out of the gutter—I meant a movie or something... you can go there AFTER the movie). Personally, I go for pizza. There are a couple of pizza joints around town where you can have a nice little candlelit dinner. For those of you who don't know (guys): this is the romantic part. Women love candlelit dinners. I don't know why... it might be some sort of connection between eating and being near long, cylindrical, burning clumps of wax. Go figure.

Pizza is a good choice because it can break that conversation gap at the beginning of the date. If you get a woman to talk about food, plenty of conversation is sure to follow. I'm just kidding (sort of). But seriously, talking about what to put on the pizza makes the date a little better because the two of you have to choose something together.

After a nice candlelit dinner, I would go to a movie, a play, a concert or the ballet. If you really want to impress a woman, take

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO Him & Her

With Adam and Eve

This week's topic: "The Perfect Date"

her to the ballet. Women love that even more than the candlelit dinner. True, it is a little more expensive than the \$1 theaters, but a few bucks never hurt you. Besides, the more you pay the more she's entitled to... put in a good word with her friends.

If you're on your way to a concert, I don't think Danzig would be the best group to see. I know there are a couple of women out there who would like to see Danzig, but black magic and candlelit dinners don't mix very well. Besides, what are the chances that you're dating either one of those women? Make sure the concert you're going to is one that she wants to see. Don't drag her there (she might leave with someone else).

But, honestly, after all this rigmarole, I would have to take back what I said earlier about a candlelit dinner and a movie. My perfect date would be to invite her over for dinner and make it a Blockbuster night. If you want intimacy between you and your girlfriend, nothing beats a night at home with just the two of you.



My dream date? For women, this isn't necessarily a hard thing to elaborate on—ever since we were little girls, playing with our Barbie dolls and dreaming about Prince Charming,

we have always had our own fantasy dream date in mind.

First of all, before the date even starts (and this is what makes it really a dream for women), everything goes perfect: no bad hair day trauma, no broken nails, no acne breakouts and, most important, everything fits!

But for the evening itself... without a doubt, the evening would start out with Prince Charming (who we will call Mr. X) picking me up and surprising me with a single red

rose. On second thought... this is a dream—make that a dozen red roses.

Next: after escorting me to his fine Italian sports car, he actually opens up the door for me (rather than just sliding the Taco Bell wrappers off the seat, dusting off the dashboard, and unlocking the door once he is inside and the car is warmed up). After putting on his leather driving gloves and gracefully pulling out of the driveway, he tells me that everything about tonight is a secret and assures me it will be a night to remember.

Actually, this might all be a little misleading. The reality is: For a woman's romantic dream date, it doesn't have to be with a millionaire's son, and the equivalence of the national budget does not have to be spent. Basically, what a woman really wants is to be treated like a lady and to be (pleasantly) surprised.

Well, back to the adventure...

By the time we stop driving, we are in a field, basically in the middle of nowhere. (Come on, we're in Nebraska. What were you expecting? Mountains? The ocean?)

The scenario is perfect: The sun has just begun to set in the west, and the grasses are gently blowing in the wind. The only sounds are the sounds of the leaves rustling in the trees and an occasional bird chirping nearby. Just when I think we are the only ones around, a man dressed in a tuxedo appears, beckoning us to an area off to the side.

Placed beneath the closest tree is a table, set perfectly for two, illuminated only by a single candle and the setting sun. Mr. X proceeds to help me to the table and push my chair in, staring into my eyes and telling me how beautiful I look in the setting sunlight.

Of course, the dinner and wine are both perfect, and the conversation never once lags uncomfortably or directs itself toward Monday night football.

Just when I am beginning to wonder what is next, Mr. X stands up from the table and escorts me back to his car. As we begin driving away, I find myself waiting for everything to fall apart and for reality to kick in.

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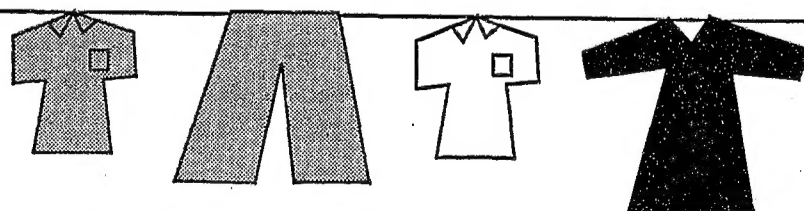
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KVNO Setting Up for Fall Fund-raising Drive

By Laura Sellak

If the tunes on the radio have all started to sound the same, and the music seems as if it hasn't changed in five years, it's time for a change. If the same routine of radio stations day after day has gotten to be too much, try something different — UNO's own radio station, KVNO.

Located at 90.7 on the FM dial, KVNO offers a light classical blend of instrumental music, which many students today overlook. In addition to the change of music, listeners can also contribute to the livelihood of the station.

As a public radio station, KVNO has to raise the majority of its own funding through donations throughout its listening area. To raise the necessary funds, the station holds two fund drives a year, and the first one begins Oct. 9.

KVNO Development Assistant Cheryl Conn said donations from listeners within the community has kept the station going strong. "Our funding comes from donations that our listeners make, and they are of all kinds of denominations. They decide on what level they want to donate, become a member of KVNO, and help keep us alive," she said.

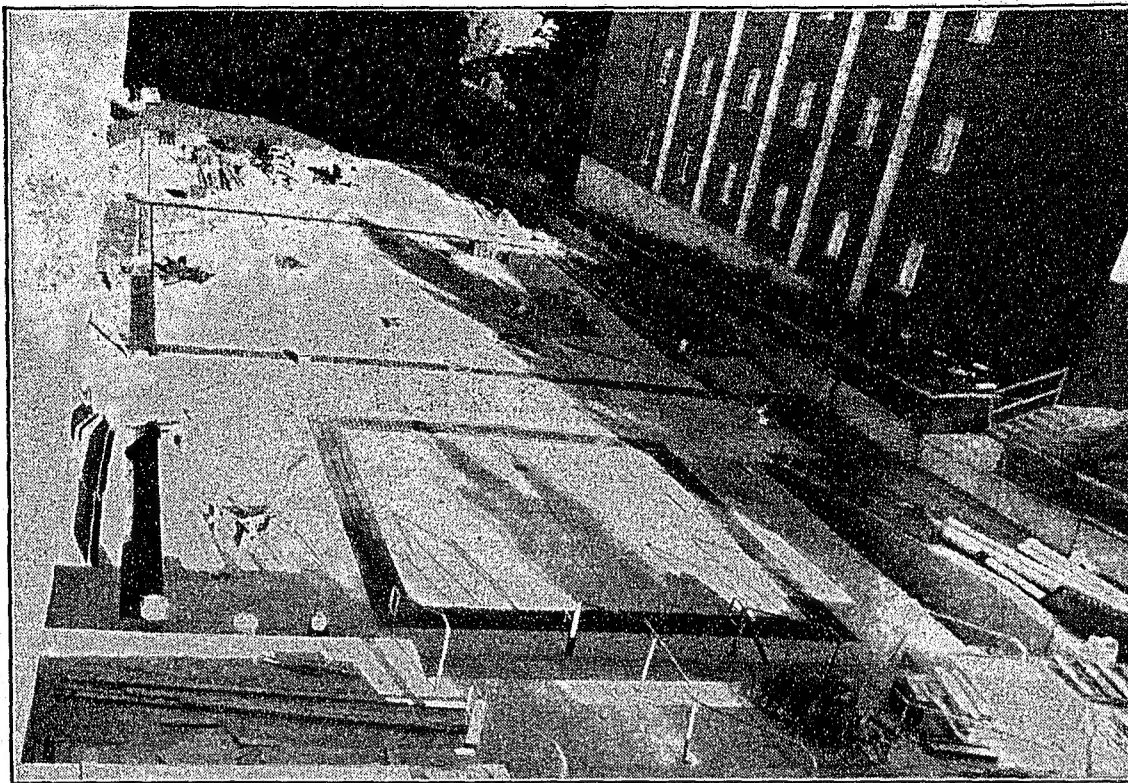
The radio station is not the only one that benefits from these donations. Conn said the benefactors also receive some perks, which add excitement to the goodwill of their actions.

"[Upon becoming a member,] our donors receive a membership card that in and of itself has value. We have 19 merchants throughout Omaha who support a discount through this card," Conn said, "and if they join at \$50 or more, we give them a free cassette or CD of their choice, or a KVNO coffee mug."

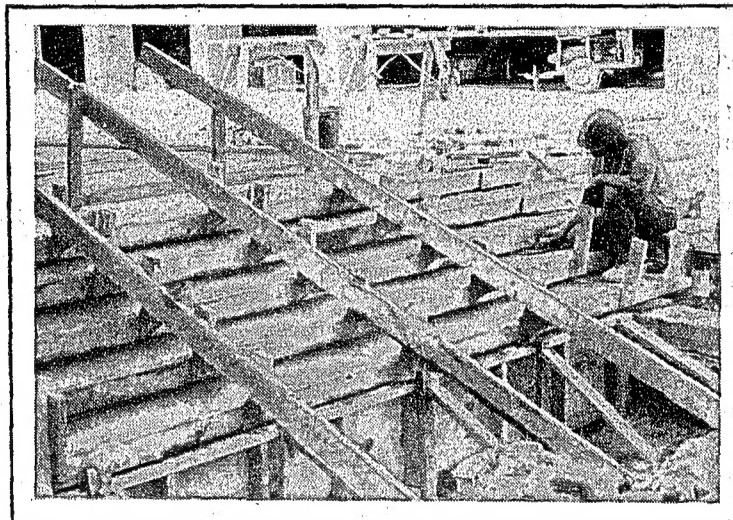
The station has 2,500 members, and it is hoping for 300-400 new members from the fall drive. On Oct. 9, KVNO will begin asking for donations, and the drive will continue for 10 days.

"[Our listeners] will hear us between the music asking people to donate. Our main purpose is to get in touch with brand new members who want to get involved and help us out. We also send out renewal forms to our current members," Conn said. "The new members call in and reach the volunteers who we have answering the phones downstairs in the engineering building. Our volunteers have scripts that describe the whole process and also tell about the benefits that they will receive in the future."

After 22 years of successful broadcast, KVNO is going strong thanks to public support Conn said, and she expects another successful fall membership fund-raising drive.



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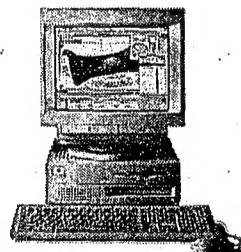
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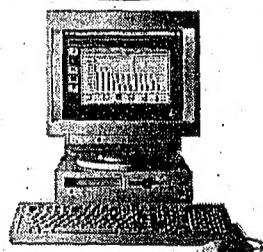
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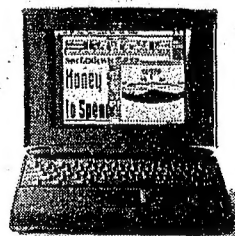
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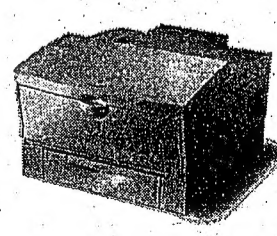
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Writer's Workshop Benefits Extend Beyond Written Word

By Christine Mixan

If you've ever dreamed of seeing your name at the top of the best-sellers' list, having fans anxiously wait in line to have a copy of your latest book autographed, or you just want to hone your creative writing skills, you may want to consider taking some classes in the College of Fine Arts' Writer's Workshop.

"The department sponsors visiting writers who come to give public readings," said Cathy Hunter, one of the 60 creative writing majors in the program. "My favorite was David Baker. He did things with words that were incredible to me. To read someone's work is one thing, but to hear that person speak is another. When he read, his entire poem took on a new meaning."

The Writer's Workshop offers a bachelor's degree in either fiction or poetry. The courses offered range from introductory classes in creative writing to advanced levels of fiction and poetry writing.

"My favorite class still has to be introduction to poetry," said Hunter. "It may sound silly, but I learned how to form and shape words in a way that would never have occurred to me on my own. The course challenged me to explore the poetic side I never knew I had."

Hunter said she hopes to go on to graduate school at the University of Iowa after getting her bachelor's in fine arts.

"I used to think that the only way to survive in the literary world was to be a freelance writer," said Hunter. "Sure, it would be nice to someday become a world renowned fiction writer. But now I realize that there are other possibilities. I can get my degree and teach."

Poetry major Neil Azevedo said he has found numerous opportunities that the Writer's Workshop has to offer.

"The students really appreciate the support of the English department and the rest of the faculty. Because so many people have made this department work, it has allowed me to pursue and refine the craft of poetry and better myself as a writer," Azevedo said.

He also said that courses in the Writer's Workshop provide budding writers with helpful ideas and comments from fellow students in class.

"Another advantage is conversing with other future writers — my peers. You can weed out the serious writers from the not so

serious ones right away. It's a sheer joy to talk about contemporary literature with others who also truly appreciate it and understand it."

Azevedo said one reason the Writer's Workshop has been successful is due in part to the outstanding faculty in the department.

"One of my biggest influences has actually been a professor of mine, Art Homer," Azevedo said. "He is extremely encouraging of young writers and is also the least judgmental, kindest person I've ever met. He has a way of finding unique and extraordinary aspects of the most mundane poems and otherwise not so exciting poets. He's also supportive outside the classroom. He teaches us not to think of ourselves as students, but as writers. This is a good distinction, but sometimes it's hard to live up to."

The Writer's Workshop publishes the *Nebraska Review*, a national literary magazine. Hunter works part time for the review.

"We get submissions from literally all over the world and from all walks of life," Hunter said. "It's a wonderful experience for me to be exposed to thousands of literary works from fresh, new writers."

The Writer's Workshop has positive responses from the students within the department but nevertheless, Azevedo said his only criticism goes out not to the department itself, but to the general attitude other students have toward creative writing majors.

"I've found that a lot of people think that the students in the Writer's Workshop are not serious about what they do," Azevedo said. "If you don't take your classes seriously, they will probably be the easiest classes you'll ever take. But if you do take them seriously, I guarantee that they will be some of your most difficult courses because you're actively listening and taking into account the critiques of your mentors and peers."

Although the Writer's Workshop may be a good way to get your creative juices flowing and your pencils writing, Azevedo said that students need to first have the raw talent to write and plenty of perseverance.

"It's a tough major. The Writer's Workshop won't make you a writer, it will make you a better writer. But, most importantly, you need to possess the ambition."



—Steve Houston

"Man Pleads with Crying Girl," above, is an oil on linen artwork by Barbara Simcoe currently on display in the UNO Art Gallery, located in the Fine Arts Building.

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ing of these classrooms. The money donated by the foundation will then be matched by an organization in the private sector, Ryan said.

But are these classrooms really that much better than regular classrooms?

"Much better," said UNO Chancellor Del Weber. "Put at the instructor's fingertips is a world of technology. The rooms are automated for the purpose of teaching."

The positive reaction by faculty and students toward the high-tech classrooms has overwhelmed Ryan.

"It has been so much better than what I

originally thought," he said. "The reaction and support have been great. This is definitely a university team effort."

The high-tech classrooms will not only benefit current UNO students, but they will also benefit the students of tomorrow.

"Whatever the technology is in the future, it will be easily accessible through these rooms," Ryan said. "These rooms will be used in much more complex ways than in today's situations. Their full potential and capability are endless."

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Study Attempts to Clear Haze About Greek Binge Drinking

By College Press Service

For 19-year-old Matt Garofalo, Big Brother Night was supposed to be among the first of many parties at the University of Iowa fraternity he had recently pledged.

It was the night when Lambda Chi Alpha told new members which older ones would act as their "big brothers," the guys who would guide pledges through their first year in the house.

"The big brothers were getting the little brothers totally smashed," Kelly Hirsch, a Northwestern University student who attended the Sept. 7 party at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, told *The Daily Iowan*.

Tragedy Strikes

But what was supposed to be a celebration, a new beginning, for Garofalo and other members by morning had turned tragic. Garofalo was found dead by his fraternity brothers—a victim of acute alcohol intoxication.

That same night, members of Northern Illinois University's Sigma Chi fraternity decided to celebrate after an initiation ceremony of their new members.

"They apparently had participated in a formal initiation and then later headed to a field to take part in an informal fraternity ritual under the stars," says Melanie Magara, NIU's director of Public Affairs.

At 3:30 a.m., Michael G. Simpkins, a NIU junior, was killed when the car in which he was a passenger went off the road, into a culvert and flipped. Simpkins was thrown from the car and died a few hours later at the hospital. It was just two days before his 20th birthday.

The driver of the car, a 21-year-old Sigma Chi member, has been charged with two counts of felony DUI.

By chance, the death of both students occurred the day before Harvard University's School of Public Health and Social Behavior announced that fraternity and sorority members drink more heavily and frequently than non-Greeks, according to its nationwide survey.

The survey of more than 17,500 students at 140 colleges and universities

showed that 86 percent of men and 80 percent of women living in fraternities and sororities are binge drinkers. (Binge drinking is defined as consuming five consecutive drinks for men, or four for women, one or more times during a two-week period.)

These numbers are nearly double those of the overall student population, where 44 percent report binge drinking.

Accountability

The study, which calls many fraternities and sororities "functional saloons," recommends tougher sanctions against them when alcohol policies are violated.

"The national organizations must be held accountable for serving underage students in their frat houses and providing an environment where binge drinking is the norm," says Henry Wechsler, director of Harvard's College Alcohol Studies Project.

Binge drinking has been linked not only to hangovers and missed exams, but to increased incidents of unprotected sex, violence, hazing, date rape and even death. The same Harvard study calls binge drinking "the No. 1 public health hazard and primary source of preventable morbidity and mortality" for college students.

Alcohol is linked to nine out of 10 campus crimes, according to a 1989 study by Towson State University's Center for Study and Prevention of Campus Violence. On average, universities report three violent crimes per year, 430 property crimes, eight hazings or hate crimes and many other alcohol offenses.

"We can no longer dismiss binge drinking as young people's games, because a significant number of students get involved in serious problems," says Wechsler.

The death of the two fraternity students, both on the same night and in separate incidents, served as a grim reinforcement

to the Harvard study. The deaths are being investigated, and the universities have suspended both fraternities pending the results.

In Garofalo's case, toxicology tests indicate he had "acute alcoholic intoxication," with a blood alcohol level of .188, nearly twice the legal limit for driving while under the influence.

"Apparently, (Garofalo) was participating in an evening where they (pledges) were identifying who their 'big brothers' might be and after that there was some celebrating, and alcohol was consumed," says Jonathan Brant, executive vice president of the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC). Brant says his information on the incident came from a report submitted to NIC by Lambda.

"Early indications are that the chapter was following their 'risk reduction' policy," he added. "They wouldn't let him drive home; they got him into bed and stayed up with him. Later they fell asleep and then found him the next day in that condition."

'Regrettable'

Unfortunately, these tragedies are just the latest in a long list of similar episodes. "It happens all over the country," says Wechsler. "These incidents are really regrettable ... they are the unintentional result of alcohol abuse."

Brant says "All of these incidents, and the research, continues to build a mountain of evidence that we must continue to be concerned about alcohol use and abuse on college campuses. Fraternities must continue to stiffen their policies to try to reduce access to quantities of alcohol and to provide more positive social activities."

"It's clear that as many as one-third (of fraternity members) would prefer not hav-

ing alcohol in the chapter house, and we're hoping that group will grow and help change attitudes among students that alcohol is not necessary in social settings."

Most university and colleges have spent the last years trying to beef up alcohol awareness programs and educate students on the negative consequences of drinking. But data shows they have had little effectiveness in curtailing the problem.

Success

One university reporting success was Northern Illinois University. NIU has received national acclaim for their positive approach in alcohol awareness.

"Instead of the usual 'scare tactics,' students are bombarded with messages that let them know most students are not bingeing, but acting responsibly," says Michael Haines, NIU's coordinator of Health Enhancement Services. Since starting this program six years ago, NIU reports an overall drop in binge drinking from 45 percent to 28 percent.

But in order for most schools to make a change, Wechsler says he feels colleges must address the alcohol-related problem behaviors at fraternities and sororities.

"I have called upon administrators of colleges and universities to face this issue if they want to do anything about their overall drinking problems on campus. I found that despite all of this problem behavior associated with the Greek houses, less than 5 percent of the fraternity and sorority students reported they had been subject to any actions, whether referral for treatment, education programs or some disciplinary actions."

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Koneck said she would rather see funds go toward a women's studies department at UNO.

"If the university creates and funds women's studies department it would give the student body access to those funds," Koneck said.

WRC provides peer counseling and referrals for personal concerns. Koneck said that she thinks WRC provides a comfortable and empowering atmosphere because women could receive assistance from peers, which

she said provides warmth and safety.

Women employees and staff at UNO already have access to professional counseling, Koneck said.

WRC is open 38 hours a week, Koneck said, and has more than 1,000 books and pamphlets available on a variety of topics, which can be used for academic or personal use.

Koneck said she couldn't think of a time when a person had come into WRC and the center was unable to provide them with a referral or a book for them to read; and that WRC is able to provide for the needs of people on campus.

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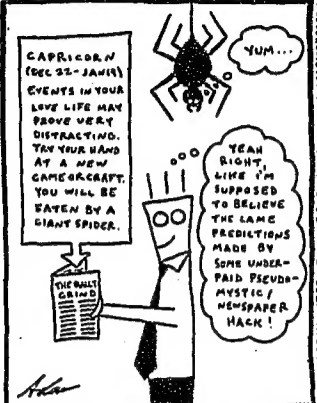
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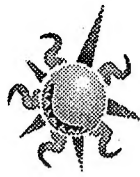
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Sports



Mavs Fall Prey to Bison, 34-23

By Tony Reinke

Behind the surge of North Dakota State center Brad Servais and his offensive line, quarterback Kevin Feeney bull-rushed for three of the Bison's five touchdowns guiding NDSU past the UNO Mavs 34-23 Saturday.

Following the escort of Servais, a 1994 all-American, the Bison stampeded the Maverick defense for 315 yards rushing. The success of the rushing game may be a surprise to North Dakota fans. NDSU lost its top running back (Jason Miller) before the season began and lost its starting running back (Jake Morris) in the second quarter of the UNO game. Exit predictability and enter Reginald Scott.

Scott, a true freshman for the Bison, averaged just 2.7 yards-per-game in the three previous games for NDSU.

The young running back took advantage of Servais and a shaky UNO defensive line for a game-high 146 rushing yards.

"They've got an excellent offensive line," Behrns said. "When you can pound a defense consistently throughout the day you can take control of the game."

On the opposite side of the ball, Behrns said UNO quarterback Troy Kloewer had a solid performance. The sophomore passed

for 158 yards and completed 12 of 22 passes including a 35-yard pass to receiver Jake Young.

Kloewer was expected to miss the NDSU game with knee trouble, but evaluations came back negative.

The Mavericks drew first blood in the contest. Freshman Paul Kosel connected on a field goal. The kick, from 24 yards out, was sparked by Hill's 36-yard punt return.

The Bison answered back on its next possession with a 9-play, 60-yard touchdown drive. The scoring drive was capped off by Feeney, who followed Servais' escort for the touchdown from 10 yards out. NDSU failed to convert on the extra point and took a 6-3 lead.

It took a stalled UNO drive late in the first quarter to remind Mav fans that the team was still in the rebuilding stage. Receiver Mike Gidley caught a 63-yard reception setting the scene for a 3-yard touchdown run by Feeney. The two-point conversion was unsuccessful, and the Bison ran the score to 12-3.

NDSU continued to dominate on its next drive. Papillion native Scott Swanson took the hand-off on a reverse on a fourth-and-five play and scored with relative ease. Feeney

ran for the successful two-point conversion, and the Bison took a 20-3 lead.

UNO's final drive of the half put life back into the team. Cave and Hill accounted for 82 yards on the UNO touchdown drive. Cave ran the ball in from nine yards out. The kick was wide left as UNO cut the Bison lead to 20-9.

NDSU closed out the first half scoring with an 8-yard touchdown scamper by Scott, who also had a 26-yard run in the drive. A successful two-point conversion gave the Bison a commanding 28-9 lead into the locker room.

The Mavs held the Bison on a fourth-and-two play early in the third quarter and capitalized. Tight end Todd Senters caught a touchdown pass from six yards out, but the Bison maintained the lead at 28-16 after a Nate Parks extra point.

The Bison came back after a stalled drive and scored on a 30-yard quarterback keeper by Feeney, who went nearly unscathed through the UNO defense. The extra point fell incomplete giving the Bison a 34-16 lead.

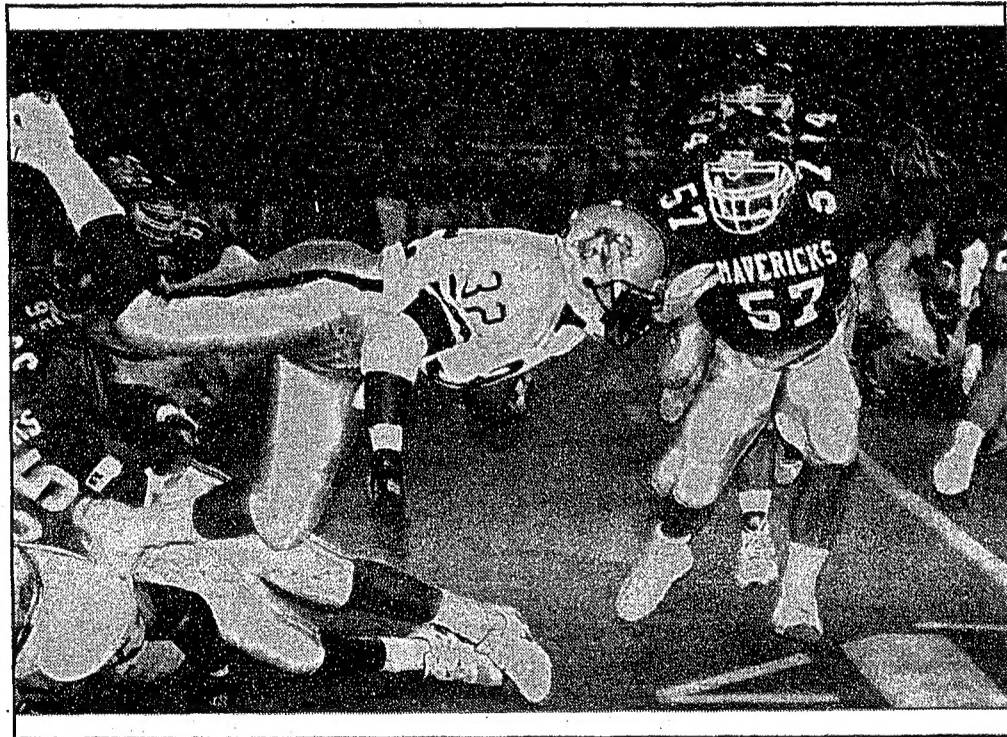
The Mavericks concluded the game with a 19-yard touchdown pass to Young, who

danced his way through three defenders. UNO closed to within 10 points but never came any closer.

UNO fell to 0-2 in the conference (1-3 overall), and NDSU raised its record to 1-1 in the NCC (3-1 overall).

"I'm not disappointed in anyone's performance," Behrns said. "We didn't match up with them very well, but we didn't lay on our backs. We kept battling. And that is important in this stage of the program."

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| Rushing Yards | |
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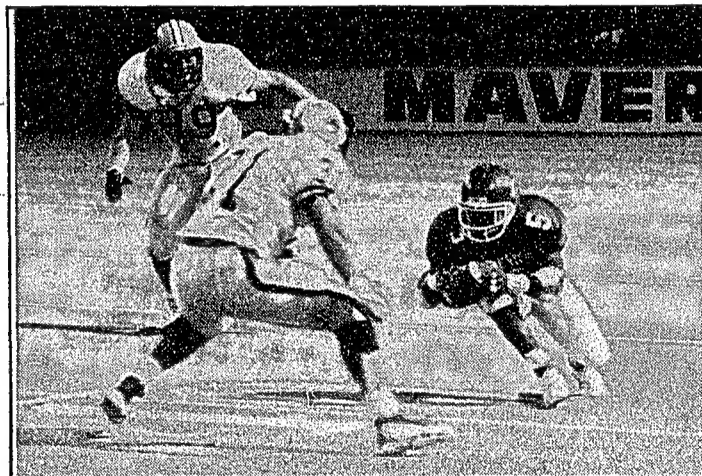
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NDSU's Reginald Scott, middle, goes airborne as Maverick senior Kory Andreasen, right, grounds his flight.



—Dave Mollner

NDSU's Mike Gidley, right, stretches out for a catch against UNO's Damon Gerdner.



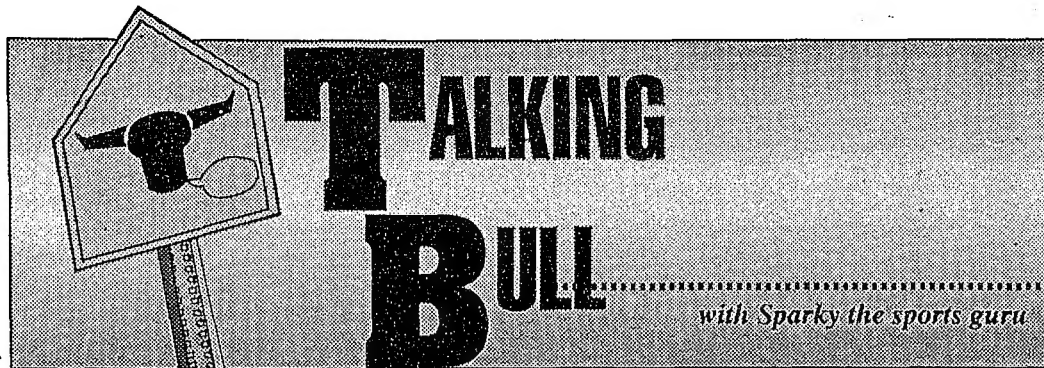
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Maverick running back Jermaine Hill, right, shakes off NDSU offenders, Matt Rustad, foreground, and Kris Korteum, background.



—Steve Houlton

UNO's Todd Senters, middle, reels in a 3rd quarter touchdown catch.



During the past three seasons of UNO athletics many changes are obvious.

Coaching changes in basketball have netted three different head coaches, which started when the 25-year reign of Coach Bob Hanson ended when the apparent future of UNO's men's basketball brought Tim Carter front and center. Carter's performance lasted all but 10 months when his golden ring called him to the opening at Division I Texas-San Antonio, leaving many of his players dazed and confused with who they could count on in the UNO athletic department.

Another quick departure came and went with former Iowa State Athletic Director Dave Cox packing his overnight bag for Ames, Iowa, when his golden ring rang six-figures at an automobile dealership. Cox's visit in the UNO athletic department lasted almost as long as Carter's overnight stay.

In football, a new direction has been taken with the addition of second-year Head Coach Pat Behrms and the financial promise from atop the university money chain.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber has upped the scholarship ante from 16, when coach Tom Mueller guided the Mavs into the NCC cellar from 1990-93 going 12-31, to giving Behrms' program a fighting chance with 36 scholarships. A break he'll need playing in the nation's toughest Division II conference — the North Central Conference.

Grabbing their first win early in the season against a tough Kearney team and playing a fourth quarter nerve-grinder in a 37-30 loss to

Wayne State in game one, the results of these changes are obvious — improvement.

Now that most of the tools are in place to revive an athletic program once at the top of the NCC yearly, there are still some changes requiring more than just adding new head coaches, stirring and let stand 3-5 years.

Improvements to the UNO Fieldhouse and its facilities are more overdue than a UNO Library book.

The run-down locker rooms resemble something from the Vince Lombardi era of football. The ancient entrance to the Fieldhouse gives spectators a feeling of uncovering an archaeological ruin. Also, the lack of proper training facilities such as an adequate weight room and modern training room for proper injury-prevention not only place the student-athletes at a disadvantage with other schools, but the entire coaching staff when showing off the place to possible recruits.

When the coaches bring high-school blue chipper "Big Lester Jones" in from Florida to try and sway his decision to play football at UNO instead of staying in the sunshine state, there's already one strike against the program. Big Lester probably doesn't even own a pair of galoshes or a stocking hat, so this school better be something special.

As the coaches stroll Lester through the Fieldhouse, he's asked to don some blinders as his tour breaks into a full sprint when the weight room portion arrives. Lester asks, "Hey Coach Behrms, what's that smell? It

kinda smells like my daddy's feet." Coach Behrms just doesn't have the heart to tell him that the awesome aroma is the weight room under the west bleachers at Al F. Caniglia Field.

According to the newest member of the UNO athletic department, Athletic Director Don Leahy said an \$8.7 million addition to this 60-year-old dinosaur is in the

works. A three-level addition will house a wrestling room, weight room, locker rooms,

restrooms, conference rooms, concessions and a new façade to the Fieldhouse are part of the blue prints.

It is hoped that the construction crew who nails down this job won't be from the same mold that is currently remodeling the Student Center. By that time Big Lester will be cashing his Social Security checks instead of student loans.

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Sideline

Volleyball

The No. 13-ranked Lady Mavs Volleyball team returned home unscathed after sweeping a tough weekend road trip against No. 10-ranked St. Cloud State and Mankato State.

After trailing the Huskies of St. Cloud State 7-15 and 7-15 on Friday night, the Lady Mavs rallied back winning the next three games 15-7, 15-10 and 15-8 to win the match. The loss ended a nine-game win streak for St. Cloud State, which fell to 11-2 overall and 4-1 in the NCC.

The Lady Mavs, 7-6 overall and 3-3 in the NCC, were led by sophomores Tanya Cate and Erin Shafer. Cate landed 16 kills with Shafer powering 12 kills and 12 digs against the Huskies. Senior Denise Otten added 13 kills, eight digs and three service aces in the victory.

On Saturday night the Lady Mavs dominated Mankato State winning 15-4, 15-9 and 15-7 at Mankato, Minn. Otten pounded 11 kills and Cate added nine in the victory. In game two, UNO blazed a .632 attack percentage helping pull away from Mankato State in a commanding fashion. Junior setter Amy Steffel produced 30 set assists for UNO, increasing her totals on the all-

time school record for set assists. Steffel currently ranks third.

"It puts our team in a good position for our regional ranking," Lady Mavs Head Coach Rose Shires said. "It also keeps us near the top of the NCC, which says a lot about this team."

This Friday and Saturday, the Lady Mavs will host the UNO Tournament in the Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Cross Country
UNO's Elise Henry and Tara Biltott finished second and fifth to lead the Lady Mavs in the Doane Invitational Cross Country meet Saturday.

Henry's time of 18:07.2 over the 5,000 meter course was second to Doane's Christina Barber, who won with a time of 17:38.2. Biltott placed fifth running a time of 18:30.4, which helped the Lady Mavs place seventh in the team standings. Olivet Nazarene of Illinois won the meet with 56 points, followed by Doane with 61.

Other Lady Mavs finishes were Michelle Patterson, 54th (20:58.1); Jami Brown, 58th (21:06.3); Shannon Williams, 59th (21:09.3); and Myra Drummer, 76th (23:32.7).

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Expecting to find myself sitting at a bar somewhere talking to "Sam the Snake" while he plays darts with "the guys" and finishes off a keg, I begin to brace myself for the worst.

However, our final destination is an old renovated theater; where he hands me a list. Asking me to pick the presentation for the evening, he doesn't care if I pick a "chick movie" or some boring '80s John Hughes flick. After choosing my selections (I pick two), he escorts me into the theater, where the two of us sit, in private, watching the movies, only interrupted twice for champagne and fine chocolates (fat free, of course).

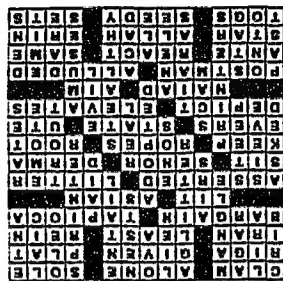
After the movie is over, he drives me back to my place and walks me to the door. In addition, I don't find him coming up with excuses to get inside such as "Can I use your phone?" "Would you mind if I use the restroom?" and, most importantly, I notice that his hands are nowhere near my rear. After telling me what a wonderful evening we had and how much he enjoyed it, he gently kisses me on the hand and says "I'd really like to do this again. I'll call you tomorrow."

OK, OK ... All façades aside, this would be great, but I can think of a few more important things that would make a memo-

orable date for me. Honestly, my ideal dream date involves being with someone who I can talk to, who can make me laugh, and who wants to hear what I have to say. Also, he would be someone who cares enough to think about me and treats me as he would like to be treated himself, and who cares enough to forgo an evening getting tanked with his buddies every now and then for a quiet evening with just the two of us. Fortunately, I think there are actually still a few guys out there who might do that.

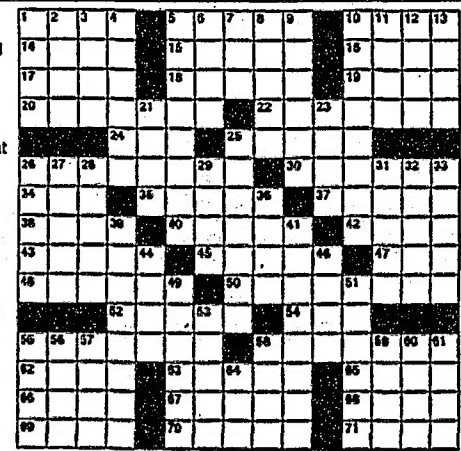
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10 Exclusive
14 Latvian capital
15 Donated
16 Braid
17 Iraq's neighbor
18 Smallest amount
19 Control strap
20 Good buy
22 Pudding ingredient
24 Illuminated
25 Oriental, e.g.
26 Stated as true
30 Scattered trash
34 Command to Fido
35 Mexican title
37 Skin
38 Retain
40 Cords
42 Underground growth
43 Medgar — (civil rights name)
45 Ohio or Iowa
47 American Indian
48 Describe
50 Raloes
52 Water nymph
54 Goal
55 Mail carrier
58 Referred
62 Poker stake
63 Respond
65 Ditto
66 Heavenly object
67 Certain god
68 Ireland
69 Clothes
70 Unkempt
71 Matched collections



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4 Mutilate
5 Shining
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9 Involve
10 Runes
11 Bread spread
12 Not of the clergy
13 Sicilian mount
21 Brings into the open
23 Footed the bill
25 Taken as one's own
26 Inquired
27 Colander kin
28 Expensive
29 Son of S&H
31 Food fish
32 Overact
33 Appraises
36 Genuine
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